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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63731

Shigeru YAMAMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/806,413

Group Art Unit: 1656

Confirmation No.: 8678

Examiner: David J. Steadman

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: NOVEL ENZYME COMPOSITION AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE
THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 1, 2005 to April 1, 2006.

A check for the statutory fee of \$450.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

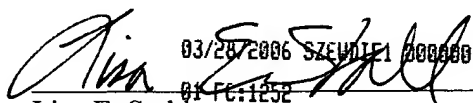
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